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**31 DAYS OF PRAYING
FOR YOUR PASTOR
GUIDE**

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Day 1 // Pray that your pastor will love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Pray that God will work powerfully in your pastor's heart and that they will follow biblical priorities.

Deuteronomy 6:5

"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

Matthew 6:33

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Day 2 // Pray that your pastor will cultivate strong character and uncompromising integrity. Pray that their testimony will be genuine and that your pastor will never do anything they would need to hide from others.

Ephesians 6:10-12

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

1 Timothy 1:5

"The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

1 Timothy 3:7

"Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil."

Day 3 // Pray for your pastor's personal walk with God— that their soul and spirit will be nourished and strengthened in their time with God, beyond sermon preparation. Pray that your pastor will spend more time in God's word than in other reading.

Mark 1:35

"And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed."

2 Timothy 2:15-16

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness..."

Day 4 // Pray that your pastor will counsel and teach with discernment through the wise use of scripture and faith in God's power to work. Pray they will be protected from the effects of sinful or negative attitudes they encounter during counseling.

Malachi 2:7

"For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts."

John 17:15

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one."

James 1:5-6

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind."

Day 5 // Ask God to protect your pastor's marriage and make it a strong model of Christ's relationship with the church. Pray that your pastor will tenderly cherish and love their spouse, each acting in respect to the biblical role of the other.

Ephesians 5:23-33

"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."

Day 6 // Pray that God will protect your pastor's spouse from bitterness when their loved one is criticized. Pray their intimacy with Jesus will be consistent and that they will guard their mind and heart.

Proverbs 4:23

"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."

Hebrews 12:15

"See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled"

Day 7 // Pray for your pastor's children that the pressures of ministry will not discourage or embitter them. Pray that your pastor will provide godly, scriptural leadership in the home, not based on the fear of man.

Ephesians 6:4

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

Colossians 3:20-21

"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged."

Day 8 // Ask God to protect your pastor from the evil plots of Satan. Pray that they will not be corrupted as they minister in the world.

Psalms 91:9-11

"Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

John 17:15

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one."

2 Corinthians 2:11

"...so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs."

Day 9 // Pray that God will build a hedge of protection around your pastor's marriage and that both your pastor and their spouse will be aware of the potential for any improper relationships. Pray that their family time will be protected.

Ezekiel 22:30a

"And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none."

Matthew 19:6

"So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

"For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ..."

Day 10 // Pray that your pastor will exercise discernment in the use of technology and media. Ask God to guard their heart concerning their use of free time. Pray that your pastor will be morally pure and wear the armor of God so they won't fall into sexual temptation.

Romans 13:14

"But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires."

Ephesians 6:10-18

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints..."

1 Peter 1:16

"...since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy'."

Day 11 // Pray for godly friends and encouragers to strengthen your pastor and their family for ministry. Pray that your pastor's relationship will provide meaningful fellowship and times of rest.

Philippians 2:19-25

"I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also. I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need..."

Day 12 // Pray that your pastor will be humble and authentic, not given to pride or hypocrisy. Pray that they will have pure motives and give God glory for every victory.

Micah 6:8

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

John 7:17-18

"If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood."

Galatians 6:14

"But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

Day 13 // Pray that your pastor will make wise lifestyle choices to protect their health, especially in the areas of exercising, eating, and resting. Pray for times of relaxation and renewal to balance the stress of ministry.

Romans 12:1

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

1 Corinthians 9:27

"But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified."

James 3:1-2

"Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body."

Day 14 // Pray that your pastor will focus on God's Word as they prepare for messages. Pray that your pastor will seek to please God rather than men & pursue holiness rather than praise.

Acts 6:4

"But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

2 Timothy 2:15

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

2 Timothy 4:1-2

"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."

Hebrews 12:14

"Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."

Day 15 // Praise God for your pastor's leadership and pray that they will make godly decisions. Pray that they will lead with a Shepherd's heart, and that your pastor will always speak the truth in love.

1 Kings 3:9

"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

Jeremiah 3:15

"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."

1 Peter 5:2

"... shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;"

Day 16 // Pray that your pastor will be courageous and confident in proclaiming Christ from the pulpit. Ask God to help them preach with insight, transparency, and humility.

Ephesians 6:19

"...and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,"

Colossians 1:28

"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ."

Colossians 4:3a

"At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ..."

Day 17 // Pray that your pastor will be committed to personal evangelism and equipping saints to seek the lost. Pray that they will develop a heart for missions in the church.

Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Luke 19:10

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Romans 10:15

"And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Day 18 // Pray that your pastor will be an example of prayer and worship, showing the congregation how to walk closely with the Father.

Matthew 4:10

"Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ""You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.""

Mark 1:35

"And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"... pray without ceasing,"

Day 19 // Pray that your pastor will manage their time wisely and seek God's perspective for their schedule, guarding their time against unnecessary interruptions.

Psalms 90:12

"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."

John 9:4

"We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work."

Ephesians 5:15-16

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil."

Day 20 // Pray for a fresh divine anointing on your pastor's ministry. Pray that God's work will be powerfully evident, both in their personal life and in the congregation.

Romans 15:18-19a

"For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ;"

1 Corinthians 9:27

"But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified."

2 Timothy 1:7

"...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

Day 21 // Pray that your pastor will not give in to discouragement but will deal with inevitable criticism and conflict by committing themselves into the hands of God, who judges righteously.

1 Peter 2:23

"When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly."

Day 22 // Pray that your pastor will practice servant leadership, edifying the congregation with wisdom and serving with agape love.

John 13:5-9

"Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, do you wash my feet?' Jesus answered him, 'What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus answered him, 'If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!'"

Ephesians 6:7

"...rendering service with a goodwill as to the Lord and not to man,"

Phillippians 2:3-4

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Day 23 // Pray for unity within the church staff and leadership. Pray that the Enemy will not be allowed to create divisions, strife, or misunderstanding among the church leaders.

Romans 14:19

"So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding."

1 Corinthians 12:25

"...that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another."

Day 24 // Pray that God will give your pastor a clear, biblical vision of what the church can and should be for His glory, and that your pastor will communicate that vision clearly and confidently.

Proverbs 29:18

"Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law."

John 15:16

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you."

John 17:17

"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

Day 25 // Pray that your pastor will seek God for personal, church, and community revival.

2 Chronicles 7:14

"... if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Psalms 69:32

"When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive."

Day 26 // Pray that your pastor will think biblically and that they will have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16

"'For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ."

Ephesians 4:17

"Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds."

Colossians 2:6-8

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits[a] of the world, and not according to Christ."

Day 27 // Pray that your pastor will earnestly seek God's will and be committed to instant and complete obedience.

Luke 9:23-24

"And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

"For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,"

Day 28 // Pray that your pastor will strive for personal excellence and will believe God for all He wants to do in the congregation.

Colossians 3:23-24

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."

2 Peter 1:3

"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,"

Day 29 // Pray that your pastor is a model of faith and that they will maintain passionate love for God, not giving in to worries, fears, or an uptight or anxious spirit.

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

1 John 4:18

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love."

Day 30 // Ask God to provide for the financial needs of your pastor and their family. Pray that your pastor will be a wise steward of personal finances and church funds.

Psalms 37:25

"I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread."

Philippians 4:19

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Hebrews 13:5

"Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"

Day 31 // Ask God to heal any hurt your pastor has suffered. Pray that they will serve the Lord with gladness and encourage the congregation to worship God with a joyful, surrendered spirit.

Isaiah 61:3

"... to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified."

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